



Next Week, after half term - Week 2

Attendance reporting procedures Please report children's absence by 08:30 each morning using our [online google form](#) which can also be found on the school website. This form should also be used to report future absence e.g. dentist appointments.

LRC - Year 7 Great British Book Bake Off

On Monday 14 November the LRC is hosting our annual Year 7 Great British Book Bake Off, where students can bring in a book themed cake they have created at home to be in with a chance of winning some amazing prizes. Half-term is a great time for students to get creative and start planning their cakes before the big day. This is one of our most popular events of the year and we are looking forward to receiving lots of entries and turning the LRC into the Bake Off tent for the day!

Year 7 and 8 ASA Halloween Disco

The school was transformed by the ASA and Sixth Form Executive into a spooky haunted house for the Year 7 and 8 disco on Wednesday. The students had a great time with around 160 attending.



LRC Harry Potter Event

This week the LRC was turned into the magical world of Harry Potter for an after school activity for our Year 7 students. The event started with students being given a ticket for the Hogwarts Express and being sorted into Houses. A reading from Harry Potter set the scene which was followed by a special delivery of Ollivanders wands which students got busy decorating. A hotly-contested Harry Potter quiz rounded off the evening. Mr McDonald, Head of Year 7, commented: 'It was lovely to see the students and staff having such a magical time, filled with laughter and enjoyment'.

Parent Forum

Our Parent Forum meets once a term, with the first one taking place on Monday 21st November at 7.00pm. Recent agenda items have included topics such as school values, assessment, catering and careers provision. Our group of parents provide extremely valuable feedback and discussion points on important items which are extremely helpful to us going forward. Thank you to parents already on our Forum for giving up their time.

If you would be interested in exploring the possibility of being part of Parent Forum, please email Fiona Thompson on ftompson@ashlyns.herts.sch.uk.

Key Dates

- 22-25 Oct: Y11 Sports Tour
- 24-28 Oct: Half Term
- 2 Nov: ASA AGM/Meeting
- 3 Nov: Y11 Parent-Teacher Consultation Evening
- 10 Nov: Y12 Parent-Teacher Consultation Evening
- 20 Nov: ASA Craft Fair
- 21 Nov: Y11 Trial Exams Start
- 25 Nov: Occasional Day
- 28 Nov: INSET Day

Communications

- [Non-Uniform Days](#)
- [Y11 Geography Fieldwork Visit](#)
- [Y11 Trial Exams Timetable](#)
- [Y11 Trial Exams](#)

Next Week Lunch Menu - Week 1, [New Winter Menu](#)

House Points



Current house points



Bourne	Coram	Handel	Raven
9745	9274	9805	9635
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21/10/2022



Attendance

Forms with the highest attendance week ending 14 Oct:

7H2 100%
8B1 97%
9R1 97%
10H2 99%
11H2 95%

Vacancies

- [Teaching Assistant 18hrs](#)
- [Teaching Assistant 30hrs](#)
- [Finance Assistant](#)
- [Learning Resource Centre Assistant](#)

Into The Sixth evening

Last night we welcomed more than 200 prospective sixth form students and their families to our Into the Sixth evening, where they spent the evening hearing about life in our sixth form and about individual subjects to inform their option choices. It was fantastic to see so many students, both from Ashlyns and from other schools. As always, our team of student representatives from the Sixth Form Executive did a wonderful job with guiding, talking to parents and students, and providing refreshments.



STEM Talks

More public talks from the UK's foremost research laboratory, available face to face or online.

Click [here](#) to book:

- Hunt the Higgs - Friday 21 October (13:30 and 19:00), ages 10+, with Dr Sam Gregson.
- Powering the future - Friday 25 November (13:30 and 19:00), with Dr Hazel Lowe & Dr Hannah Willett (Tokamak Energy)

For any students interested in Science please click [here](#) for a list of upcoming events and talks ranging from The history of the Milky Way to A complete story of Dark Matter, so far....

Safeguarding

Please find a [link](#) to an informative resource about being able to support your child with addressing and preventing the issue of harmful sexualised behaviour.

Sports Results

Y9 Boys Rugby vs Tring	Lost
Y8B and Y11B Netball vs Hemel	Lost
U13 Girls Football vs Linslade	Won 5-0
U16 Girls Football vs JFK	Lost 4-2

Tooled Up at Ashlyns - resources from Dr Kathy Weston

You can now register for all Tooled Up webinars on our app, not just the website.

- [new resource](#) designed to surface discussion about who young people follow online and why.
- [questions](#) to kickstart important chats about digital life and a useful template for initiating discussions.
- [family digital values](#).
- [digital literacy](#)
- In the wake of this colourful season, we've also talked to Meteorologist and Latinist, David Bowker who gives us a fascinating insight into autumn: [article](#).
- Allergy expert, Professor Adam Fox's webinar [recording](#)

Music Lessons

If you would like to register for music lessons, please click [here](#). Any queries regarding music lessons please email musictuition@ashlyns.herts.sch.uk

ASA News

Hamper and Tombola Donations

We are now starting our preparations for our exciting Christmas Hamper Draw and the Festival of Light Tombola and, as always, the success of these events relies on your wonderfully generous donations. We shall be collecting after half-term but a heads-up of what donations are required is detailed below:

Hamper Themes

Year 7&13: Christmas

Year 8&12: Food from around the world

Year 9&11: Treat yourself

Year 10: Garden & Outdoors

Tombola

Chocolate and Drinks (Alcoholic/Non-Alcoholic).

Details of where you can deliver your donations will be communicated after half-term.

Berkhamsted Rotary Fireworks

The [Rotary firework event](#) will be held on Saturday 5th November; tickets are on sale now and can be purchased from the Ashlyns school office. Tickets cost £9 for adults, £6 for children and £23 for a family ticket; prices are higher on the night so it is worth buying in advance. Please pay with the correct cash or cheques made payable to RCB.